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ABSTRACT

This discussion of enrollment status of foreign students attending California community colleges is based on information from a survey, conducted in December 1970 and January 1971, of 84 community colleges in California. Ninety-six per cent of the colleges reported enrollments of students from foreign countries with the student's visa F-1. Sixty-four (79 per cent) of the colleges that enroll foreign students levy a tuition charge; 49 of these colleges charge foreign students out-of-state fee tuitions. Seventy-one colleges commented on what determined the number of foreign students enrolled. Anticipated changes in foreign student programs are briefly discussed. (CA)

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# THE ENROLLMENT STATUS OF FOREIGN STUDENTS ATTENDING CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Based on a Questionnaire Survey of Eighty-Four Junior Colleges
Carried Out Between December, 1970 and January, 1971

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# PREFACE

A number of recently published press releases and magazine articles have emphasized the fact that many community colleges in California are in the process of seriously evaluating their various programs and operating budgets. With soaring educational costs, the amount of funds available for all desired and worthy programs remains limited. Many new programs cannot be instituted and some on-going programs cannot be expanded. The thought of any cut backs is rather repugnant to many educators.

San Joaquin Delta College, like most other community colleges, has experienced an ever increasing enrollment since World War II and at an accelerated rate particularly since 1963. In studying a number of educational programs and major operations, it appeared that the manner in which foreign student programs are being carried on in other community colleges might be helpful in evaluating Delta's program and cost.

A questionnaire was submitted to ninety-two community colleges throughout the state. The objective was to determine the size of enrollments, whether foreign students were admitted free in the same manner as residents of California or were charged a tuition fee, and the selection criteria for admission.

Eighty-four community colleges answered the questionnaire. This amounts to a 91.3% return. It is believed that the findings contain new data and information that should be of interest to many community colleges and consequently fully justify the somewhat lengthy summarization contained in the following pages.

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CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

1. California public community colleges enrolling students from foreign countries on a student's visa F-1:

| Yes | No |
|---|---|
| 81 | 3 |

The three colleges of eighty-four reporting no foreign students were all in the Los Angeles Junior College District.

Comments

Based on this study of eighty-four reporting colleges it could be deduced that 96% of the community colleges in California have enrolled students from foreign countries on a student's visa F-1.

2. Whether fees or tuition is charged:

| Pay no fees or tuition | Pay tuition |
|---|---|
| 17 | 64 |

Sixty-four of the eighty-one colleges enrolling foreign students charge tuition. Based on this large sample it would be concluded that 79% of the community colleges in California that enroll foreign students levy a tuition charge.

Amount of Tuition Paid

| Non Resident fee of $14 per unit and/or $420 per year | Other Amounts |
|---|---|
| 49 | 1 - $28 per unit per year |
| | 1 - $441 per year |
| | 2 - $675 per year |
| | 1 - $120 per year |
| | 1 - $210 per year |
| | 1 - Financial means available |
| | 2 - $5 per unit per year |
| | 1 - $230 per year |
| | 1 - $280 this year $600 next year |
| | 1 - $70 per quarter |
| | 1 - $933 qtr. unit up to $140 for 15 qtr. units |
| | 1 - $209.50 to $244.50 per year |
| | 15 |

Comments on Amount of Tuition Paid

Forty-nine of the sixty-four colleges reporting a tuition charge use the out-of-state fee tuition of $14 per semester unit or $420 per school year rate as the tuition charges for students from foreign countries on a student's visa F-1. The other seventeen colleges reporting a tuition charge have a range from a low of "Financial means available" or $5 per unit per year to $675 per year.

3. Number enrolled

A breakdown of foreign students enrolled is as follows:

| Total in 81 colleges enrolling foreign students | Average per college | Highest number enrolled at a college | Lowest number enrolled at a college |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4773 | 58.9 | 225 Los Angeles Southwest | 5 Antelope Valley Feather River |

A breakdown and explanation of the colleges with no tuition is as follows:

| Total in 17 colleges with no tuition | Average per college | Highest number enrolled at a college | Lowest number enrolled at a college |
|---|---|---|---|
| 929 | 54.6 | 165 College of San Mateo | 15 Porterville |

A breakdown and explanation of the colleges charging tuition is as follows:

| Total in 64 colleges charging tuition | Average per college | Highest number enrolled at a college | Lowest number enrolled at a college |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3844 | 60.0 | 225 Los Angeles Sothwest | 5 Antelope Valley Feather River |

Comments:

1. The sixty-four community colleges which charge a tuition for foreign students enroll an average of 60.0 students. This is five students higher than the seventeen colleges who do not charge a tuition with an average enrollment of about fifty-five students each.

2. The community college enrolling the greatest number of foreign students (225) charges $420 tuition per year.

3. There appears to be no problem to have a high number of foreign students enrolled if a tuition fee is charged.

The following seventeen community colleges do not charge tuition for foreign students on a student's visa F-1:

| College | Number of Students | Comment or Changes Planned |
|---|---|---|
| Bakersfield | 33 | We may be forced into charging tuition for financial reasons - no serious discussion as yet |
| Cañada | 80 | Anticipate tuition of $670 in fiscal year 1971-72 |
| Consumnes | 16 | |
| Long Beach City | 55 | |
| College of Marin | 82 | Studying situation |
| Merced | 46 | We used to charge some and admitted 2% - these were promised. We will cut down to 25 |
| Mt. San Jacinto | 20 | |
| Palo Verde | 27 | |
| Porterville | 15 | |
| Sacramento City | 100 | Require tuition as other out-of-state looks like a good idea in view of finances |

| College | Number of Students | Comment or Changes Planned |
|---|---|---|
| San Mateo | 165 | Due to failure of bond and tax measure will begin to charge tuition in the fall of 1971. Amount undetermined. |
| San Joaquin Delta | 122 | |
| Santa Rosa | 25 | |
| College of Sequoias | 33 | |
| Sierra | 10 | |
| Skyline | 27 | If March tax election fails no foreign students. If it passes - foreign students will pay full out-of-state tuition. |
| Yuba | 73 | |
| Total | 929 | |

4. What determines the number of foreign students enrolled:

| Percentage Limitation | Local Sponsor | No Limitation | Local Quota | Miscellaneous | Based on Facilities | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10% 1 | | | | | | |
| 5% 4 | | | | | | |
| 4% 0 | | | | | | |
| 3% 6 | | | | | | |
| 2% 11 | | | | | | |
| 1.5% 2 | | | | | | |
| 1% 6 | | | | | | |
| 30 | 4 | 6 | 14 | 14 | 3 | 71 |

Comments on number of foreign students enrolled:

1. Seventy-one colleges commented on what determined the number of foreign students enrolled.

   a. A percentage limitation ranging from 1% to 10% of the total students enrolled was reported by 30 colleges. The greatest number of these (11 colleges) had a limit of 2%. Six had a limit of 3% and another six 1%. Although one stated it had a limit of 10% of full-time student, it had only 27 foreign students enrolled.

b. Six stated they had no limitation on the number. The college (City College of San Francisco) with the highest number reported 224 foreign students.

c. Fourteen colleges stated they had established a local quota but did not report any numbers.

d. Fourteen other colleges each reported a reason different from all others. Examples were "Deadline for acceptance", "Available counseling time", "Random selection", etc.

e. Four colleges require a local sponsor for each foreign student admitted and in three the number enrolled is determined by a space or facilities factor.

The number from any one country:

| Number | Percentage | Same location |
|---|---|---|
| 6 - 1 | 10% - 1 | |
| 5 - 1 | | |
| 4 - 0 | | |
| 3 - 1 | | |
| 2 - 3 | | |
| 1 - 0 | | |
| 6 | 1 | 1 |

Comments on number from any one country:

Although this was not one of the specific questions asked, eight colleges indicated they set a limitation on the number of students from any one country. The highest number admitted by any college reporting was 10% and 3 stated they limit the number from any one country to 2.

Changes planned:

| Increase in Students | Decrease in Students | To add or increase tuition | Might stop program |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 6 | 8 | 2 |

Comments on anticipated changes in Foreign Student Program:

a. Not a single college reported they were considering any increase in the number of foreign students in the foreseeable future.

b. Six colleges stated they planned a definite cut back or decrease in the number for next school year. Eight reported plans to add a tuition charge or increase the tuition amount being charged. Two colleges stated there is a strong possibility that they may stop their foreign student program.